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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Paul Walsh

SUBJECT : Narcotics

1. There are some straws in the wind concerning the future course of Administration policy concerning the illegal international traffic in narcotics. The impression I get is that the Agency will remain under obligation to support the general effort.

2. The first item is that, according to legislative liaison for DEA, the gross obligation of funds for FY 75 on narcotics is 745.1 million, of which 40% is for law enforcement, domestic and overseas.

3. I have also been informed by various sources downtown that the President will make a strong statement on 23 October reconfirming his administration's commitment to a forceful policy on illegal narcotics. I am told that this statement will include an explicit bouquet concerning CIA's role in the general effort,

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4. As you know, we are engaged in a number of intelligence support activities, including the participation of DDI officers in regional meetings

only assume that we must anticipate a continuing demand for our services, and perhaps some accentuation of demand in the next several months.

5. For your information, officers of the ORD/DDS&T briefed this week on what they consider to be an encouraging development in the state of their art regarding overhead reconnaissance using the U-2 system and the [redacted] system. In brief, ORD now believes that they may well have [redacted]

a matter of four or five weeks. One remains skeptical. The principal utility of such coverage would be for control purposes. There is no supposition that such a capability would lead to yield estimates.

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